

1. Please identify the current service provider and their fee schedule.

A: The current contract is with Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings. The fee schedule is currently set at \$36 per person. The current contract with Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings can be found on open.sd.gov: <http://open.sd.gov/contracts/08/13-0841-301.pdf>.

2. Will the current vendor complete all partial cases or will partial samples be transitioned to the new vendor if awarded the contract?

A: The current vendor will complete all partial cases.

3. What percentage of collections are performed by agency personnel at each of the CSE and CPS offices?

A: Section 3.2.2 states collection of DNA will be completed by someone other than DSS staff in accordance SDCL 25-8-7.2.

4. Can the vendor charge for partials, samples that have been collected but not yet tested, and if so, after how many days from receipt and at the full price or a reduced price to be negotiated?

A: Section 7.2 provides the Offeror the ability to include any fee's charged to recover collection and storage costs for incomplete cases.

5. What are the current hours and schedule when specimen collection services are offered at the 8 child support offices and the 20 Child Protective Services offices?

A: DSS field office locations are not currently utilized for specimen collection sites. Specimen collection sites must be not more than 30 miles away from the individual's residence and must be completed in a location other than the local Social Services building.

Section 3.3.2 states DSS staff will provide all necessary information to the Offeror, to assist in coordination of draws throughout the state. The Offeror will maintain complete responsibility for the actual coordination of draw dates and sites with all involved parties.

6. Will the selected vendor schedule all in-state collections?

A: Yes, section 3.2.2 states the Offeror will describe their process to designate and coordinate genetic testing collection sites within and outside the State of South Dakota, including institutional sites. Institutional sites are State Penitentiary locations.

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7. Are any local collections scheduled by DSS or CPS staff? If so, what offices?

A: No, Section 3.3.2 states DSS staff will provide all necessary information to the Offeror, to assist in coordination of draws throughout the state. The Offeror will maintain complete responsibility for the actual coordination of draw dates and sites with all involved parties.

8. Do any of the 8 child support offices or 20 children protection services serve as a collection site? If so, which ones?

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9. Can you provide the current collection schedule by location with frequency?

A: DSS does not have access to this information as collections do not occur at DSS offices.

10. In section 3.2.25.5, it references providing the number of in-hospital paternity tests performed. Is this a program that is currently in place? If so, how many requests are made in a typical month? Are there multiple hospitals involved throughout the state? If so, is there a list that can be provided?

A: This statistical data would only be required if the Offeror is requested to do in-hospital paternity testing. DSS has not had any of these under the current contract.

11. In 3.2.15 it states, "The Offeror will inform DSS staff of all specimens not conforming to testing requirements"... Is this referring to issues found during Collections, (i.e. Chain of Custody) *or* Insufficient DNA to complete testing discovered during the testing process?

A: This would pertain to any issues which are found which do not conform to collection requirements (i.e. Chain of Custody), insufficient DNA to complete testing, or any other issue which may occur which may result in results being contested in court.

12. In 3.2.24 it states, "Invoices should be submitted semi-monthly." This is in conflict with the sample agreement, No.4 Billing: which states "submit a bill for services within 30 days following the end of the month"... Our business practice is to submit monthly invoices/billing to clients – is this acceptable?

A: Monthly billing invoice is acceptable.